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By Mrs. Poirer of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to requiring parental consent on sex education in public schools. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Elizabeth A. Poirier	Jeffrey Davis Perry
Philip Travis	Viriato Manuel deMacedo
Michael J. Coppola	Raymond T. Neary

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL CONSENT ON SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
3 striking out the section in its entirety and replacing it thereof with  
4 the following:—

5 Any city, town or school district maintaining or implementing  
6 any curriculum, unit of study, school-sanctioned program or  
7 activity which involves sex education shall offer it only on an  
8 elective basis.

9 Given reasonable notice, prior review of said materials, as well  
10 as the questioning of teachers and administrators involved, will be  
11 extended to parents, guardians and/or their legal representatives.  
12 Written parent or guardian permission will be required for student  
13 participation.

14 No public school teacher or employee who feels that such cur-  
15 rriculum or activity violates his or her religious beliefs shall be  
16 required to participate in any way.